Klamath Settlement EIS/EIR PROCESS

Public Input During Scoping

> What is Scoping?

The scoping process is an opportunity for the public to identify topics to be covered in the Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) document and provide recommendations to the agencies. Your input will help the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to identify:

- Significant topics to be analyzed in the EIS/EIR
- Topics that have already been adequately addressed in prior environmental reviews
- Potential alternatives to the proposed action
- Potential mitigation measures for the proposed action
- People or organizations who are interested in the Klamath Settlement EIS/EIR Process
- Data gaps and information needs

How Can I Get Involved?

DOI and DFG encourage the public to be involved throughout the Klamath Settlement EIS/EIR Process. For this public scoping phase, comments are being accepted through **July 21, 2010**.

Ways to provide comments:

- Comment Card
- Computer Station at Scoping Meetings
- Online: KlamathRestoration.gov
- Fax: (916) 978-5055
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*Attention: Comments need only to be sent to one of the mailing addresses or email addresses above.

or

Additionally, you will have an opportunity to provide input after the **Draft EIS/EIR** is released. Its release is anticipated in summer 2011.

For additional information about Klamath Settlement Process, please visit: KlamathRestoration.gov

Making the Most of Your Comments

To make comments, review the project's Purpose and Need Statement (handout provided), potential alternatives, and list of topics (below) that will be evaluated in the EIS/EIR.

Then develop your comments, taking the following into consideration:

- What topics are of greatest concern to you and why?
- Are there additional topics that should be evaluated?
- What alternatives or mitigation measures do you think would help to lessen or avoid impacts?
- Can you suggest information resources?

What are Some Potential Alternatives?

- Full dam removal (the proposed action), including any connected actions in the KBRA
- Partial removal of each of the four dams
- No dam removal/No action

What Issues and Topics Might be Addressed in the EIS/EIR?

- Biology (fish, wildlife, and plants)
- Hydrology
- Water quality
- Climate change
- Energy
- Geology/soils
- Sediments
- Engineering
- Community character
- Land use & planning
- Real estate
- Public services
- Traffic
- Recreation
- Agriculture
- Seismic safety
- Noise
- Aesthetics
- Hazardous materials
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Environmental justice
- Economics
- Endangered Species Act consultations
- Reservoir site restoration
- Cultural and historic resources
- Indian Trust Assets
- National Historic Preservation Act consultations

